Setting up of more plants for the production of newsprint

2497. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up more plants for newsprint production ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Besides the existing installed capacity, an additional capacity of 5.10 lakh tonnes per annum for manufacture of newsprint has been approved by way of Industrial Licences/Letters of Intent, as per details given in the statement attached. (*See* below). In addition, the Nepa Mills, a Central Government undertaking, has plans to set up a bagasse-based newsprint unit at Aliganj, District Muradabad, U.P. for a capacity of 88,900 tonnes per annum at an estimated cost of Rs. 414.46 crores.

Statement

Additional Newsprint Capacity Approved by way of Industrial Licences/Letters of Intent

Name of the party	IL No. & Date/ LI No. & Date	Location	Annual capacity (tonnes)
1	2	3	4
	Industrial Licenses		
1. M/s. Nepa Ltd. Nepanagar	SE : CIL : No. 532(83) dt. 29-11-83	Teh : Durhanpur, Dist. East Nimar (M.P.)	13,000
2. M/s. Century Pulp Ltd.	NU : CIL : No. 19(82) dt. 15-1-82	Nainital (U.P.)	20,000
	Letters of Intent		
3. Shri B. Hanumantha Rao, M/s. Hansa Newsprint Ltd., Hyderabad	NU : LI : 514/84 dt. 13-7-84	Teh : Vijayawada Dist. Krishna (A.P.)	60,000
4. M/s. Kerala State Indl. Development Corpn. Ltd. Kawdiar Trivandrum	NU : LI : 608(85) dt. 15-5-85	Dist. Trichur Kerala	40,000
5. M/s. State Industrial & Investment Corpn. of Maharashtra Ltd., Nirmal, Nariman Point Bombay	NU : LI : 473(83) dt. 21-7-83	Dist. Parbhani Maharashtra	50,000
6. M/s. West Bengal Indl. Dev. Corpn. Ltd., 23-A. Netaji Subhash Road, Calcutta.	NU : LI : 455(86) dt. 26-5-86	Teh : Haldia Distt. Midnapore (W. Bengal)	50,000
7. M/s. J.P. P. Ltd., Hazinagar, 24 Pergnas, West Bengal.	NU : LI : 504(86) dt. 23-6-86	Any permissible location in W. Bengal	80,000

1	2	3	4
8. The Punjab Agro Industrial Corpn. Ltd., SCO. No. 315-316 Sector 35-B, Chandigarh	NU : LI : 976(86) dt. 27-11-86	Teh : Govindwal Dist. Amritsar (Punjab)	33000
9. M/s. Gujarat Indl. & Investment Corpn. Ltd., Chunnibhai Chambers, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad.	NU : LI : 195(87) dt. 28-4-87	Vyara Dist. Surat (Gujarat)	55,000
10. M/s. Nira Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd., 402, Raheja Chambers Nariman Point, Bombay	NA : LI : 725(88) dt. 28-11-88	Wadwadi Teh : Ukhandala Dist. Satara Maharashtra	39,000
11. M/s. Bihar State Indl. Dev., Corpon. Ltd.	NU : LI : 125(88) dt. 29-3-88	Kumarbagh West Champaran (Bihar)	50,000
12. M/s. Aurangabad Paper Mills Ltd., Mittal Tower, 17th Floor, 'B' Wing, Nariman Point, Bombay	NA : LI : 122(89) dt. 27-2-89	Teh. Paithan Maharashtra	20,000

NU :—New Undertaking

NA :—New Article

SE :—Substantial Expansion

Proposal to promote rural industrialisation

2498. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to stae:

(a) whether Government propose to promote rural industrialisation including provision of adequate funds in the State Plan for Khadi and Village industries also as reported in "The Hindustan Times" of 9th July, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what are the financial implications in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The All India Industry Ministers' Conference held on 8th July, 1989 discussed and endorsed the suggestion that rural industrialisation should form the main thrust of the strategy for industrialisation and rural employment in the 8th Plan. For this purpose, the following important decision were arrived at :

(1) Expansion in the coverage of villages by KVI activities.

(2) Introduction of new industries in rural areas.

(3) Strengthening of the State KVI Boards.

(4) Improvement in the wages of artisans, in particular SC/ST artisans and women artisans.

(5) Coordination between the various field level agencies engaged in rural industrialisation, strengthening and streamlining the financial system.

(6) Introduction of new products, new technology and new raw material.

(7) Greater marketing support.